Incentive Package Scheme. For other units in the eco-system, there would be a threshold NPV investment of Rs. 1000 crore. The details to implement the scheme are being finalized.

Under the SEZ policy of the Government, one sector specific SEZ for manufacturing and developing semiconductor facility by FAB City SPV (India) Pvt. Limited at Hyderabad (Ranga Reddy District). Andhra Pradesh has already been notified on 15.1.2007.

Expansion and Improvement of Mobile Services in Uttarakhand

†1050. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of population in the State of Uttarakhand covered under the telephone service till date and total percentage of population proposed to be provided benefits of mobile service during the year 2007-08;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that the there are often complaints of disruption in mobile services being provided by B.S.N.L. in the State; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken for expansion and improvement of services being provided by B.S.N.L.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the number of telephones per hundred population in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh (West) Telecom circle taken together is 13.08% as on 31.01.2007. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has planned for expansion of its Mobile Network by 3 lakh lines in the financial year 2007-08 in the State of Uttarakhand subject to availability of the equipment.

(b) and (c) Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) based Cellular Mobile telephone service being provide by BSNL in UP (West) telecom circle service area including Uttarakhand is working satisfactorily and is in general meeting the Quality of Service (Qos) parameters prescribed by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) at present. Cellular mobile

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

network of BSNL is being continuously optimized for its performance and monitoring of the network has been strengthened by BSNL to ensure performance as per the Qos parameters prescribed by TRAI.

Exemption of postal services from Screening Committee

1051. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for exempting postal services form the purview of the Screening Committee to clear recruitment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No such proposal is at present under consideration with the Competent Authority in the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of Guntakal Postal Division in Andhra Pradesh

1052. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Guntakal postal division are deprived of the benefit of having age old Postal Division at Guntakal in Ananthapur Division as the age old postal division was closed unilaterally;

(b) whether there is any plan for such closure/merger/clubbing of post offices/postal divisions/RMS divisions in Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) It is fact that the Guntakal Postal Division has been merged with Ananthapur